(d) what terms and conditions have been laid down for the foreign agency for instituting the inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश में बाराबंकी टेलीफोन केंद्र की दशा

*100. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में बाराबंकी टेलीफोन केन्द्र ऐसी दुर्दशा में है कि टेलीफोन उपभोक्ता, दिन में एक भी टेलीफोन काल नहीं कर पाते ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस दुर्दशा को देखते हुए सरकार ने मार्च, 1991 में बाराबंकी में 1500 लाइनों का एक आर. एल. यू. इलैक्ट्रानिक केन्द्र स्थापित करने का निर्णय किया था;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि प्रस्तावित इलैक्ट्रानिक केन्द्र । जुलाई, 1992 तक इस कारण से स्थापित नहीं किया जा सका क्योंकि केन्द्र सरकार दो आप्टिकल फाइबर टर्मिनल 480 चैनल उपलब्ध नहीं करा सकी है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार व्यापक जनहित में प्राथमिकता के आधार पर आप्टिकल फाइबर टर्मिनल 480 चैनल उपलब्ध करायेगी ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) जी, नहीं। तथापि, यह सही है कि बाराबंकी में इस समय मैकम-(लाइन फाईन्डर टाइप) एक्सचेंज काम कर रहा है जिसकी अवश्य ही, काल मिलने की क्षमता की दृष्टि से कुछ सीमायें हैं ;

(ख) जी नहीं, सभी लाइन फाईन्डर उपस्करों को बदलने के लिए आठवीं योजना में निर्धारित नीति के अनुसरण में, 1992-93 के दौरान लखनऊ से जुड़े मौजूदा एक्सचेंज स्थान पर 1500 लाइनों की ई-10 बी रिमोट लाइन यूनिट स्थापित करने की योजना बनाई गई है ।

(ग) और (घ) जी हां, मार्च 1993 तक आर० एल० यू० चालू करने के लिए आप्टीकल फाइबर उपस्कर की सप्लाई के सिलसिले में प्राथमिकता निर्धारित की गई है ।

International Assistance for Development of Tourism

447. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of projects that have received international assistance for tourism development in the country;

(b) whether such assistance is given for the development of specific area/spot or for development in general; and

(c) whether Government of India propose to render assistance for the general development if it is for specific area/spot

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The number of projects which have received international assistance for tourism development in the country are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Specific projects received from State Governments are posed for international assistance through the Ministry of Finance on the basis of their merit.

(c) The Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Governments for specific proposals on the basis of merit of the proposal, *inter-se* priorities and availability of funds.

Statement

Projects which have received International Assistance

1. Financial assistance from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of the Government of Japan for the project for Infrastructure Development along the identified Buddhist Circuit in U.P. and Bihar.

2. Financial assistance from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of the Government of Japan for the project for conservation and Development of Ajanta and Ellora Region in the State of Maharashtra.

3. Financial assistance from UNDP/ILO for Modernization and Upgrading of the Institutes of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition.

National Action Plan for Tourism

448. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the National Action Plan for Tourism in some States more than one circuit/destination have been identified; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the National Action Plan some States have been completely omitted; and

(c) what is the criteria for selection of projects to be included in the National Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The National Action Plan for Tourism envisages intensive development of areas of tourism potential. Fifteen circuits/destinations have been initially identified for taking up concentrated development. The areas identified are purely on the basis of tourism potential and not by State-wise. The extent of financial assistance provided by the Central Government to all the States would continue as per the present practice.

Financial Assistance to States for Tourism

449. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the financial assistance provided by the Department of Tourism to each State during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) what was the financial assistance provided to each State during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92 and what was the extent of utilisation;

(c) what is the basis on which some States are given more than others; and

(d) whether any attempt has been made to give more grants to those states which have received lower amounts in the previous years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the central financial assistance sanctioned to all the States for augmentation of tourism infrastructure during the Seventh Five Year Plan, 1990-91 and 1991-92 is appended. (*See* below).

The States could utilise the central financial assistance only to the extent of 52 per cent for projects sanctioned during 1990-91 and 45 per cent during 1991-92.

(c) and (d) The extent of financial assistance provided by the Central Government to any State depends upon the number of viable projects submitted by the respective States and the physical progress in respect of projects sanctioned in earlier years.